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FOR : NOISE ELIMINATION DEVICE
AND METHOD FOR INSTALLING
THE SAME

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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

In the Claims

Please amend Claims 6, 7, 9, 12, 13, 15, 18, 19, 21, 30,
31, 33, 41, 42, 43, and 45 as follows:

6. (Amended) The noise elimination device according to
[any of Claims 1, 3 and 5,] Claim 1, wherein one of the coaxial